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24 The process of claim *23*, including the steps of providing a pair of coacting rollers presenting corresponding outer surfaces and a nip therebetween, each of said rollers including an elongated recess formed in the outer surface thereof, said recesses successively coming into alignment with each other during rotation of the rollers, said creating step including the step of pressing said material against said roller recesses and heating the material, and directing said pressurized gas against said pressed and heated material.

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cont. *24* The process of claim *23*, said material comprising individual sheets of synthetic resin material, each sheet being pressed against a corresponding roller recess.

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25 A process for the manufacture of a food product, comprising the steps of:
providing an elongated tube presenting an outlet end;
continuously creating a series of aligned food-receiving cavities formed of a deformable material about said tube and presenting opposed ends, and sequentially moving the cavities past said outlet end,
adjacent ones of said food-receiving cavities being in communication with each other through a restricted passageway extending between the proximal ends thereof; and

directing a flowable food material through said tube and out said outlet end in order to fill each of said cavities as the cavities pass said outlet end, said filling step comprising the step of filling each of said cavities while the cavity being filled remains in communication with the previously filled cavity through said restricted passageway therebetween.

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Apparatus for the manufacture of a food product, comprising:

first and second adjacent, coating, rotatable rollers each presenting an outer surface and with a nip therebetween, said first roller including an elongated first recess formed in said outer surface thereof, said second roller including an elongated second recess and a tube-receiving opening formed in said outer surface thereof, said first and second recesses successively coming into alignment with each other during rotation of said first and second rollers; a sheet feeding mechanism adjacent said first and second rollers for continuously feeding corresponding first and second elongated sheets of deformable material through said nip during rotation of said rollers in order to successively create a series of aligned, food-receiving cavities, a blower for directing pressurized air against said sheets to generally conform the sheets with said first and second recesses;